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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, GR

SUBJECT: CONTINUING STRIKE AT ETHYL HELLAS

REF: THESS 810

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF DECEMBER 8 CARRY RELEASE BY ETHYL HELLAS REFUTING PRESS CHARGES RE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ESTABLISHMENT OF ETHYL'S PLANT IN GREECE, POLLUTION AND UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS (REF). QAID ANNOUNCEMENT NOTES THAT SIMILAR PLANTS OPERATING AND MEETING POLLUTION STANDARDS IN US, ENGLAND, FRANCE AND GERMANY.

2. COMMENT: ETHYL OFFICIAL REPORTED TO CONGEN DECEMBER 9 THAT MINISTER FOR NORTHERN GREECE MARTIS HAS EXERTED PRESSURE FOR SETTLEMENT WITH BOTH LABOT AND MANAGEMENT REPS. NEVERTHELESS, WORKERS VOTED AGAIN LATE DECEMBER 5 TO CONTINUE STRIKE. LABOR REPS HAVE WITHDRAWN CLAIM FOR "UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS" PREMIUM AND NOW CONCENTRATING ON ACROSS-THE-BOARD WAGE INCREASE. ETHYL PLANNING TO MAKE "FINAL" OFFER DECEMBER 9 OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE UP TO 15 PERCENT. OFFER WILL BE VOTED ON BY WORKERS AT MEETING IN THESSALONIKI LABOR CENTER

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LATE TODAY, BUT ETHYL OFFICIALS BELIEVE PACKAGE WILL

BE REJECTED. IF SO, PLANT PREPARED TO HIRE NEW WORK  
FORCE WITHIN 2-3 DAYS FROM FILE OF PENDING APPLICATIONS.  
THEY CONCEDE, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A STEP WILL PROVOKE  
CONSIDERABLE LOCAL CONTROVERSY. ON OTHER HAND, ETHYL  
OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT EVEN IF STRIKERS RETURN TO  
WORK, PLANT WILL HAVE CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES IN  
VIEW OF ANIMOSITIES ALREADY GENERATED.  
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